(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Under the mandate of the National common Minimum Programme of the Government, health care is one of the seven thrust areas wherein it is proposed to increase the expenditure in health sector from the current 0.9% of GDP to 2-3% of GDP over the next five years with main focus on Primary Health Care. The Budgetary allocation for plan programmes in Health & Family Welfare has increased by about 22% in 2006-07 over that of 2005-06.

Private participation in health care system

1288. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have taken any decision regarding participation of private sector to provide health care facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Health care facilities to the people are being provided for by the Public and Private Sector. It is estimated that around 20% of the country's requirement of health care is met through public health care system and the remaining through the private health care system. In fact, one of the core strategies of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is promotion of private sector for achieving public health goals without reducing governmental role in the public health. A Task group to look into Promotion of Public Private Partnership had been constituted under the NRHM which has since submitted its Report to the Ministry.

Increase in fine on ticketless travellers

†1289. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the time when the order for increasing minimum amount of fine upto Rs. 250 for those who travel by train without ticket has been issued;

(b) the number of travellers who have been fined at this rate since the issue of this order till date;

(c) the details in this regard, zone-wise; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.